1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 9 10 APRIL BOREN, CASE NO. C25-182 MJP Plaintiff, ORDER STRIKING MOTION FOR 11 PROTECTIVE ORDER 12 v. SAFEWAY, INC., 13 Defendant. 14 15 The Court issues this Order after reviewing Plaintiff's Motion for Protective Order. (Dkt. 16 17 No. 42.) For the reasons explained below, the Court STRIKES the Motion. 18 Local Civil Rule 26(c)(1) states that "[a]ny motion for a protective order must include a 19 certification, in the motion or in a declaration or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good 20 faith meet and confer conference with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute 21 without court action." LCR 26(c)(1). "A good faith effort to confer requires a face-to-face 22 meeting or a telephone conference," and "[t]he certification must list the date, manner, and 23 24

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1 participants to the conference." Id. Additionally, "[i]f the movant fails to include such a 2 certification, the court may deny the motion without addressing the merits of the dispute." Id. Here, Plaintiff has failed to include the required certification that the Parties met and 3 conferred to try to resolve the dispute before seeking Court intervention. And the supporting 4 5 email chain, which was improperly submitted without a declaration of counsel, does not evidence the required meet and confer. It also appears that the dispute is one that can be easily 6 7 resolved by the Parties by working cooperatively to schedule Plaintiff's deposition without the Court's assistance. Because Plaintiff has not complied with LCR 26(c)(1), the Court STRIKES 8 9 the Motion without prejudice. Should the Parties remain at an impasse after a good faith meet and confer, then Plaintiff may renew her motion. Any such renewed motion must be briefed and 10 11 filed using the expedited joint motion procedure set forth in LCR 37(2). 12 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel. Dated August 8, 2025. 13 Maisley Helens 14 Marsha J. Pechman 15 United States Senior District Judge 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24